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Subject: RE: Dark River Use modification discussion - question
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Hi Dave,

Long story short, previous to this recent submittal, US Steel submitted both UAA and SSC requests for the industrial (Class 3), irrigation (Class 4A), and livestock/wildlife (Class 4B) uses, that applied to several of the reaches around the basin. We told them that they needed to choose which one (either a UAA or SSC, since you can't do both) they wanted to pursue for each use class, for each reach. After our conversations with them, they decided to pursue a UVD for the trout reach first (to remove drinking water, industrial and irrigation uses). They indicated that they plan to then follow up with UVDs on other reaches for the industrial and irrigation uses. They then plan to submit a request for a site-specific criteria for the livestock/wildlife (Class 4B) use, which would apply to all waters around the tailings basin.

Let me know if you have more questions about this.

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Could you respond to Dave on this? Was it that US Steel was considering a SSC at one point and is now pursuing a UVD, or was that for a different reach?

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We got deeper into the PDF. On page 150 there is a letter about a request for site-specific criteria. What is the relationship between the UVD and the SSC?

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